

Jobs, Energy, Families, and Disaster Relief Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3335, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Page S7722**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 192), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7722**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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National Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S7759–68**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, August 1, 2008.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 31, 2008; provided further, that the time from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. be controlled in alternating 30-minute blocks of time between the Majority and Republican sides, with the Republican side controlling the first 30 minutes. **Page S7798**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–61) **Pages S7774–75**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James A. Slutz, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—192) **Pages S7721, S7722**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7798.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee announced the following subcommittee changes:

Subcommittee on Defense: Senators Inouye (Chairman), Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Cochran, Stevens, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, and Hutchison.

Senator Byrd, as chairman of the Committee, and Senator Cochran, as ranking minority member of the Committee, are ex officio members of all subcommittees of which they are not regular members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters, receiving testimony from General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, Department of Defense.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1816, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, S. 2093, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2535, to revise the boundary of the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, S. 2561, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War, S. 3011, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, S. 3113, to reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service, S. 3148, to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, S. 3158, to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 3226, to rename the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in the State of Kentucky as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park", S. 3247, to provide for the designation of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park in the State of Michigan, and H.R. 5137, to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River, after receiving testimony from Senators Levin, Clinton, and Dole; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Warren Judge, North Carolina Board of Commissioners, Dare County; Derb S. Carter, Jr., Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on behalf of sundry organizations; Coline Jenkins, Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust, Greenwich, Connecticut; and William H. Braunlich, Monroe County Historical Society, Monroe County, Michigan.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas J. Madison, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2583, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3341, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999;

H.R. 3068, to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 404, to require the establishment of customer service standards for Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3328, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a one-year extension of other transaction authority;

S. 3241, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building";

H.R. 6150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "John P. Gallagher Post Office Building";

H.R. 6085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the "Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building";

H.R. 5477, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the "Chi Mui Post Office Building";

H.R. 5631, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building";

H.R. 5483, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building";

H.R. 6061, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the "Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building";

H.R. 4210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building"; and

The nominations of Gus P. Coldebella, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services, Carol A. Dalton, Anthony C. Epstein, and Heidi M. Pasichow, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

FEMA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine planning for post-catastrophe housing needs, focusing on whether the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed an effective strategy for housing large numbers of citizens displaced by a disaster, after receiving testimony from Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., Deputy Administrator, and David Garratt, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Disaster Assistance, both of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security; and Jan C. Oppen, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Disaster Policy and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery: Senators Landrieu (Chairman), Carper, Pryor, Domenici, and Stevens.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine hiring at the Department of Justice, focusing on an investigation into the hiring of attorneys for key career positions throughout the Department, after receiving testimony from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES COMPACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S.J. Res. 45, expressing the con-

sent and approval of Congress to an inter-state compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin, after receiving testimony from Senator Voinovich; Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, Madison, on behalf of the Council of Great Lakes Governors; Mayor George Heartwell, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on behalf of the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence Cities Initiative; Kay L. Nelson, Northwest Indiana Forum, Portage, on behalf of the Business and Environmental Stakeholders of the State of Indiana; and Cameron Davis, Alliance for the Great Lakes, Chicago, Illinois.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3212, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide for auditable, independent verification of ballots, to ensure the security of voting systems, after receiving testimony from Todd Rokita, Indiana Secretary of State, Indianapolis, on behalf of the National Association of Secretaries of State; Barbara R. Arnwine, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Jim Dickson, American Association of People with Disabilities, both of Washington, D.C.; Juan E. Gilbert, Auburn University Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, Auburn, Alabama; and Doug Lewis, National Association of Election Officials—The Election Center, Houston, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 3362, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 6651–6683; and 6 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 398–399; and H. Res. 1390–1393, were introduced. **Pages H7627–29**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: